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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am a widow on a fixed income, and I stopped using ATT after years of difficulties with their service and a slow, unreliable internet connection. I feel that ATT uses their power in the marketplace to force consumers into buy into unwanted services, at too high a price. Apparently they are now trying to force smaller, more efficient companies, like Sonic, out of competition.

But I have had incomparably better service from Sonic, and would be very adversely affected if they were forced out of business. I rely on them not only for basic internet use, but for connection for my only phone, a landline. (ATT billed me exorbitant rates for long distance phone, with lots of questionable add-ons to the bill.)

Remember the older customers on a fixed income, and allow us the freedom to choose: a smaller, more customer responsive company, instead of mega \$\$\$, monopolistic ATT.

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